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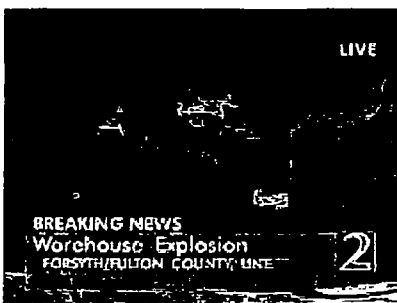
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Breaking News: Warehouse Explosion

Georgia 400 Reopened

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CUMMING -- Authorities are ordering a mandatory evacuation of people within half a mile of a burning warehouse that stores chemicals in south Forsyth County near the Fulton County line.



There are NO reports of injuries. But, heavy smoke blowing from the Regal Chemical Company, in the direction of Georgia 400, has prompted authorities to shut the highway to traffic north and southbound from McFarland Road to Peachtree Parkway.

The Regal Chemical warehouse stores agricultural chemicals, such as fertilizer.

The fire department got the call about 7:45 a-m today. Forsyth County Fire Chief Danny Bowman says the flames have been visible for about ten miles.

South Forsyth High School, Midway Elementary School, Vickory Elementary School, Vickory Middle, Big Creek Elementary School are all keeping the kids in doors and ask that parents not to try to take kids out of the schools. No area schools have been closed.

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